BurunuBoma Global Sports Fishing Tournament - Rules and Regulations for 2026 Edition

1. Eligibility:

- The tournament is open to both amateur and professional anglers.
- Participants below 18 years of age must provide a consent letter and a copy of their identification card from their guardian.
- All participants must register before the registration deadline.
- A valid identification document is required for all competitors.

2. Registration & Fees:

- All participants must complete the registration process through the Burunu Boma website (www.burunuboma.com).
- The registration process must be completed as per the following details:

Details	Fee (USD)	Deadline
Registration	1,500.00	01st November 2026
Late Registration	1,750.00	08th November 2026

- A registration fee is required to confirm participation.
- Each team or individual must provide a list of crew members with designation on or before **03rd November 2026** along with following documentation.

- Captains documentation
- Sea worthiness/registration

3. Payment Terms:

- All payments must be completed before the respective registration deadline.
- Payment should be made via bank transfer to the following details:
  Bank Details:

  Account Name: Visit Maldives Corporation limited

  Account Number (USD): 7701 700719 001

  Bank Name: Bank of Maldives

  SWIFT Code: MALBMVMV

  Branch: BML BUILDING, 11 BODUTHAKURUFAANU MAGU

- Proof of payment must be uploaded to the website during the registration process.
- Upon submission, participants will receive an acknowledgment of their application.
- Participation confirmation will be sent once payment is verified.
- Registration is non-refundable unless the tournament is canceled by the organizers, except in cases covered under **Force Majeure**.
- If payment is not received before the deadline, the organizers reserve the right to cancel participation.

4. Force Majeure:

- Visit Maldives Corporation shall not be held liable for any failure or delay in performance due to circumstances beyond reasonable control, including but not limited to natural disasters, wars, pandemics, strikes, civil unrest, government regulations, or any other unforeseeable event that significantly hinders the ability to execute the tournament.

5. Tournament Dates and Duration:

- Tournament will be held from 10th November 2026 to 12th November 2026

- Fishing will begin (line drop) at 05:00 hours on 10th November 2026 and end at 18:30hours on each day till 12th November 2026

Fishing Timeline		
10th November 2026	11th November 2026	12th November 2026
0500hrs - 1830hrs	0500hrs - 1830hrs	0500hrs - 1830hrs

- Fishing outside of these hours is strictly prohibited.

6. Fishing Areas:

- Fishing will take place exclusively in **Maldives fishing zone**.
- Participants must remain within the designated zone and should provide coordinates at all times.
- Fishing within a restricted area is strictly prohibited.

7. Equipment:

- Rod and reel, Hook and line only

8. Target Species and Scoring:

- Only the species specified by the tournament will count towards the competition score.
- A list of eligible species will be provided to participants before the tournament.
- Points will be awarded based on the catch and its allocated point.

9. Catch and Release:

- Participants are encouraged to practice **catch and release** to support marine conservation.

10. Tournament Conduct:

- All participants must uphold the highest standards of **sportsmanship and respect** for fellow competitors.
- Any form of **cheating, prohibited substances, or unsportsmanlike behavior** will result in immediate disqualification.
- Participants must comply with the directives of tournament officials at all times.

11. Safety:

- All boats **must be equipped with flotation devices (life jackets)** for all participants.
- Boats must be in **good condition**, with all required safety equipment available and functioning.
- Participants are responsible for their own safety and that of their crew members.

12. Prizes and Awards:

- A cash prize of MVR 385,500 will be awarded to the **top team** based on total score.
- Additional prizes will be awarded (individual award)
- Winners will be announced during the **award ceremony on 13th November 2026**.

13. Disqualification:

- Violations of tournament rules, including **dishonest reporting, use of illegal equipment, or unsportsmanlike conduct**, may lead to disqualification. The tournament organizers reserve the right to disqualify participants at their sole discretion.

14. Liability:

- Participants are solely responsible for their **health, safety, and well-being** throughout the tournament.
- The organizers and sponsors **are not liable** for any accidents, injuries, loss of property, or other incidents during the event.

15. Changes to the Rules:

- The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the tournament rules and regulations.
- Any amendments will be communicated to participants in advance via Website and Email.

16. Environmental Considerations:

- Participants must adhere to all **environmental guidelines** set by local authorities.
- **Littering, pollution, or damage to marine habitats** will not be tolerated.

17. Event Schedule:

- A detailed event schedule, including **briefing sessions, rules meetings, and the award ceremony**, will be provided before the tournament begins.

18. Technical Terms and Conditions:

- Participants must ensure compliance with **all tournament guidelines and local laws**.
- Disputes regarding scoring or any tournament decision will be addressed by the **tournament committee**, whose decision shall be final.
- The tournament officials have the authority to enforce rules, adjust schedules, and manage unforeseen circumstances in the best interest of the event.

For any inquiries, participants may contact the tournament organizers via the BurunuBoma website or designated contact channels.

19. This tournament follows the IGFA angling rules and regulations (https://igfa.org/international-angling-rules/)

20. RELEASING GUIDELINE

- A catch is considered officially released when:

  a) the swivel between the main line or double line hits the rod tip

  b) the mate grabs the leader or

  c) the wind-on leader goes through the rod tip.

- Each team is responsible for providing their own video device and the appropriate video memory cards to record video footage that documents the releases on their boat. Video footage may be recorded on mobile phones or tablets.
- The hand sign for each fishing day will be shared in the Team Captains' WhatsApp group at least 6 hours prior to the line drop-in time. This hand sign must be clearly displayed in the video of each fish release as part of the verification process. All catches released in the tournament must be verified by video footage in the given sequence, using the following criteria:

  a) A clear video of the GPS date, time, and position.

  b) The angler fighting the fish – Clear video evidence showing the angler fighting the fish.

  c) Species verification – Clear video evidence clearly showing the fish for identification purposes.

  d) Release verification – Clear video evidence showing the release and fish swimming away.

e) Day confirmation – Clear video evidence of the hand sign for that day of fishing.

f) Clear video of the GPS date, time, and position.

g) Please be notified that the videos should be uncut and contain the details mentioned above (19A to F)

21. Scoring Factor

This document outlines the scoring system and proper conduct for the sportfishing tournament. The emphasis is on conservation and responsible angling practices.

22. Scoring System:

The team with the most total points wins.

If there's a tie in total points, here is how the winner is determined:

First, we will look at the points each tied team earned for Blue/Black Marlin. The team with more Marlin points wins.

If they still have the same Marlin points, we look at the points for Swordfish. The team with more Swordfish points wins.

We Will keep going down the list in this order: Sailfish, Bigeye Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Mahi-Mahi, and finally Wahoo. Whoever has more points for the first fish on the list where they have a different score will be the winner.

If the teams are still tied after looking at all the species points, we will then look at the total time it took each team to catch their fish, following the same fish order. The team that caught their Blue/Black Marlin earliest wins. If those catch times are the same, we will look at the catch time for Swordfish, and so on down the list.

Species	**Daily Catch Limit**	**Score Factor**	**Release Point**	**Keep Size Limit**	**Notes**
Blue/Black Marlin *(Makaira nigricans/Istiompax indica)*	No Limit	1200	250 points	100 inches and above	Video evidence is mandatory, including hand-sign markers.
Swordfish *(Xiphias gladius)*	No Limit	1200	250 points	50 inches and above	Video evidence is mandatory, including hand-sign markers.
Sail Fish (Istiophorus platypterus)	No Limit	600	200 points	N/A	Video evidence is mandatory, including hand-sign markers.
Bigeye Tuna *(Thunnus obesus)*	4	100	0	N/A	Video evidence is mandatory, including hand-sign markers.
Yellowfin Tuna *(Thunnus albacares)*	4	80	0	N/A	Video evidence is mandatory, including hand-sign markers.
Mahi-Mahi *(Coryphaena hippurus)*	4	60	0	N/A	Video evidence is mandatory, including hand-sign markers.
Wahoo *(Acanthocybium solandri)*	4	60	0	N/A	Video evidence is mandatory, including hand-sign markers.

Logged Catch size = size limit

23. Proper Conduct:

1. **Adherence to Rules:** All participants must adhere to all tournament rules and regulations.
2. **Sportsmanship**: Maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethical fishing practices. Respect fellow anglers and tournament officials.
3. **Conservation**: Practice catch and release whenever possible, especially for billfish and species with release points. Handle all fish with care to maximize survival chances.
4. **Video Evidence**: All catches must be documented via video, clearly showing the fish, the provided colored marker (at the beginning of the video), and the measurement (where applicable). Ensure the video is of sufficient quality for verification.
5. **Proper Handling:** Handle fish with care, minimizing air exposure and using wet hands or gloves. Use appropriate de-hooking tools.
6. **Measurement:** Accurate measurement is crucial. Use the measuring devices and ensure they are clearly visible in the video. For length measurements, measure from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.
7. **Catch and Release Procedures**: Employ best practices for catch and release: use appropriate tackle, minimize fight time, and revive fish at the side of the boat before release.
8. **Environmental Awareness:** Be mindful of the marine environment. Do not litter or pollute. Respect protected areas and marine life.
9. **Safety:** Prioritize safety. Wear appropriate gear and follow safe boating practices.
10. **Reporting:** Report all catches and releases to tournament officials promptly and accurately, submitting the video evidence.
11. **Disputes:** Any disputes will be resolved by the tournament committee, whose decision is final.
12. **Keep/Size Limits:** Adhere strictly to keep and size limits. Fish outside these limits will not be scored.

Note: These rules and scoring system are subject to change at the tournament organizer's discretion. Participants will be notified of any changes.